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1. CHARGE CHAPLIN, REGIONAL MARATT KINSELLA AND EMBOFF
MET WITH GOA SECRETARY FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS GUEVARA
AND CAPTAIN (RET) SCHLIEMANN, DIRECTOR OF MARITIME
POLICY ON FEBRUARY 15 TO MAKE REPRESENTATION AND
DELIVER LETTER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLACKWELL PER
REFTEL B. CONCERN OF USG AND SHIPOWNERS OVER ESOLUTION
507 STRESSED REPEATEDLY TO GUEVARA. EMBOFFS NOTED THAT
US LINES FACED WITH SIGNIFICANT LOSSES OF CARGOEY TO
ELMA UNDER 507, A SITUATION WHICH THEY COULDN'T TOLERATE.

2. GUEVARA REACTED FAVORABLY TO BLACKWELL'S LETTER, AND
SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE BLACKWELL IN ARGENTINA
TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS ALLEGEDLY CREATED BY RESOLUTION
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507. HE SAID HE WOULD TELEX INVITATION IMMEDIATELY.

3. GUEVARA AND SCHLIEMANN WENT ON TO SAY THEY COULD
NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT LAY BEHIND US CONCERN, AS LOADING
CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT OF RESOLUTION 507 AS APPLIED
TO POOL PARTNERS WAS MERELY DESIGNED TO ENABLE GOA
TO KEEP STATISTICS ON MOVEMENT OF GOODS WHICH

LINES CARRIED IN THE TRADE. RESOLUTION 507 IN NO WAY WAS DESIGNED TO INTERFERE WITH POOL OPERATIONS, NOR WOULD IT INTERFERE, THEY CLAIMED. GUEVARA POINTED OUT THAT GOA AS SOVEREIGN NATION HAD RIGHT TO PASS LAWS GOVERNING THEIR OWN SHIPPING. HE EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE TO BLACKWELL THAT RESOLUTION 507 WOULD NOT DISRUPT POOL OPERATIONS.

4. AS FAR AS NON POOL CARRIER, PRUDENTIAL, CONCERNED, SCHLIEMANN NOTED THAT THEY HAD NO REASON TO COMPLAIN AS THEY HAD ALWAYS BEEN REQUIRED IN PAST TO OBTAIN LOADING CERTIFICATE. THE REQUIREMENTS OF RESOLUTION 507 WERE NO DIFFERENT THAN THOSE PREVIOUSLY IN FORCE, HE ARGUED.

5. IN REPLY, EMBOFF'S LIMITED THEMSELVES TO NOTING THAT US LINES BELIEVED THAT RESOLUTION 507 AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS WOULD RESULT IN DRASTIC DECLINE IN CARGOES CARRIED BY US LINES AND THAT THIS SITUATION WAS INTOLERABLE FOR THEM.

6. WHEN EMBOFF'S RAISED QUESTION OF WAIVER FOR SANTA MAGDALENA, GUEVARA INDICATED HE WOULD EXAMINE POSSIBILITY CLOSELY. HE SAID GOA WOULD NOT DO ANYTHING TO AGGRAVATE PRESENT SITUATION DURING NEGOTIATING PERIOD.

7. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES WAIVER FOR SANTA MAGDALENA WILL BE FORTHCOMING ON BASIS OF ABOVE, THOUGH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GUEVARA DID NOT PROMISE ANYTHING. IF ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLACKWELL ACCEPTS GOA INVITATION, BELIEVE HE SHOULD COME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID NEED TO REQUEST MORE WAIVERS. WE BELIEVE VISIT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE AND QUICKEST WAY TO RESOLVE SITUATION. FACT THAT BLACKWELL WOULD CONSIDER VISITING ARGENTINA TO DISCUSS ISSUE PERSONALLY WITH GOA HAS HAD DEFINITE IMPACT HERE. GUEVARA AND ASSOCIATES ARE VERY WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS BLACKWELL AND MARAD AS A RESULT OF VISIT IN SEPTEMBER 1976.

5. ON SUBJECT OF GUEVARA AND SCHLIEMANN COMMENTS ABOUT RESOLUTION 507, ABOVE, EMBASSY IS QUITE PUZZLED. WE FIND IT MOST DISCONCERTING THAT THESE OFFICIALS SHOULD TAKE LINE THAT 507 HAS NO SUBSTANTIAL EFFECT ON US LINES IN FACE OF EVIDENCE, FOR EXAMPLE, OF ADVERTISEMENT IN JOURNAL OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED BY ELMA REP ON FEB 15, 1977, WHICH CLEARLY SHOWS THAT IN APPLICATION OF MEASURE ELMA MUST BE GIVEN FIRST

REFUSAL RIGHTS ON CARGO. (FYI WE SHOWED COPY OF
OF ANNOUNCEMENT TO SCHLIEMANN, WHO APPEARED
SURPRISED AT CONTENTS, THOUGH HE MADE NO COMMENT ON IT).
WE CONCLUDE THAT EITHER GUEVARA IS BEING HYPOCRITICAL
(A POSSIBILITY WE DISCOUNT AS BEING TOO IRRESPONSIBLE
FOR AN OFFICIAL OF HIS RANK AND POSITION), OR HE DOES
NOT KNOW HOW RESOLUTION 507 IS BEING IMPLEMENTED AND
WHAT EFFECT IT IS HAVING. THE LATTER POSSIBILITY
IMPLIES A SERIOUS LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN UPPER
AND WORKING LEVEL ECHELONS OF SECRETARIAT OR POSSIBILITY
THAT SOMEONE AT LOWER LEVELS IS DELIBERATELY ATTEMPTING
TO ENFORCE A POLICY WHICH IS CONTRARY TO GUEVARA'S
INTENTION BY IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION 507 IN THE MANNER
WE HAVE OBSERVED. (IT STRIKES US THAT 507 DOES NOT HAVE
TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE MANNER THEY ARE GOING ABOUT IT
AT PRESENT).

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